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NOTIFICATION

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PUNJAB CRUSHER POLICY 2022

No. 5217/Crusher Policy.-With the objective to bring transparency, making construction material affordable to the common consumers to remove hardships to crushers and for protection to environment, Governor of Punjab as per powers conferred under Punjab Minor Mineral Rules, 2013 read with section 15 and Section 23-c of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, is pleased to approve the Punjab Crusher Policy 2022:-

1. This policy shall be called as Punjab Crusher Policy 2022. The policy shall be applicable from the date of its notification by the State Government.
2. All the terms used in this policy will be as defined in the Punjab Minor Mineral Rules 2013.
3. Under this policy the phrase Crusher shall include screening-cum-washing plants also.
4. No crusher shall be allowed to operate in the State of Punjab unless it is registered with the Department of Mines and Geology.
5. An online portal system shall be developed by the Department of Mines & Geology to register the crushers. The online portal shall inter-alia provide for online filing of returns and such other requirements identified from time to time. The crushers shall register themselves through online portal mode prepared by the Department.
6. A Crusher shall be granted rights of quarrying the raw material through auction followed by executing a contract agreement. In case, a crusher is not able to get rights of quarrying of raw material through auction, such crusher units shall make arrangements to procure raw material at their level.
7. A registered Crusher can operate appropriately even if it does not participate or is unsuccessful in the auction. There shall be no bar on operation of registered crushers, provided it meets all other requirements as per instruction of the state government issued from time to time.

8. After the authorized quantity of the mining site allotted to the crusher has been exhausted, the crusher owner shall ensure that suitable plantation based on agroclimatic conditions is carried out in the mined area. In case it is not possible to make plantation over this area, he shall ensure that alternate plantation on equivalent area is carried out.
9. All the sites to be auctioned for the crusher units shall measure upto 5 hectares in size. The crusher units can bid for one site at a time, however, the crusher may bid for more than one site provided such unit is having adequate crushing capacity. The auction of the sites shall be conducted as per the Punjab Minor Mineral Rules 2013 as amended from time to time.
10. Crusher shall have the installed capacity to process the annual concession quantities to be excavated from the quarry site allotted to it.
11. Contract may be granted for a maximum period of 3 years which may be extended further upto 1 year provided no case of violation of the policy is pending against such crusher.
12. Weigh-bridge shall be installed by the contractor at the pit-head of the quarry site including the arrangements like power backup, infrastructure, furniture, drinking water, electricity, internet connectivity, computer etc. This weigh bridge shall be integrated with the online portal of the department. Weighment slips shall be issued through online mode only.
13. Another weigh-bridge shall be installed in the premises of stone crusher. The weight of processed material shall be captured on weighbridge integrated with online portal of department. The weighment slip for processed material shall be issued in Form 'Q' from the departmental portal. It shall be the responsibility of Crusher for integration of weighbridge with the department portal or any other mechanism developed by the Department.

(Note: Installation of weighbridge shall be mandatory irrespective of the fact whether crusher is successful bidder or not for a mining site.)

14. The crusher shall be bound to have valid permission or license or any statutory clearance for any State or Central authority under any State or Central law. In the event of any revocation or suspension of such provision/license or statutory approval, the crusher shall be liable for deregistration provided a show cause notice of reasonable period shall be given by the competent authority.
15. There shall be a registration fee of Rs 1 lakh which may be amended by the State government from time to time. This fee shall be paid at the time of registration and every year thereafter by the crusher. In case the crusher unit want to have registration for a period of 3 years or renew its registration for a period of 3 years then corresponding fees of Rs 3 Lakhs shall be payable by the crusher owner. Apart from this, the crusher shall have to give security amount of Rs. 3 lac to Rs. 5.00 lac depending upon the capacity of the crusher.

In case ownership of a crusher is changed, the new crusher owner will have to reapply for obtaining fresh registration certificate from the department after paying fresh registration fees as well as security as applicable from time to time.

16. Monthly Returns shall be filed by the Crusher within a period of two months by the 7th day of the month in which such return is due, in a form prescribed by the Department from time to time:

(Illustration: Monthly returns of April, 2022 shall be submitted latest by 7th June, 2022)

- (i) The Crusher shall be bound to submit the necessary supporting documents such as weighment slip issued by the competent authority for all the material consumed in the crusher as and when required.
 - (ii) The return shall be assessed by an officer as designated by the competent authority.

(iii) The crushers shall be accountable for sources of minerals for crushing and shall satisfy the concerned Mining Officer while producing the details of source in monthly return in Form-C or GST paid bills or through transit pass issued.

17. The monthly production declared by the crusher shall be matched with the monthly consumption of electricity based on statistical formula which is currently 4.50 KW of power consumed for every 1 MT of production. Similarly, the monthly production declared by the screening unit shall be matched with the monthly consumption of electricity based on statistical formula which is 3 KW of power consumed for every 1 MT of production. **Calculation of raw material used to produce every unit of output shall be done as per statistical formula to be issued by the Department.**

18. If Generator set is used for supplying power then the same shall be metered and detail of power consumed shall be certified by PSPCL or any other competent authority notified by department. Details of power consumption through D.G. set shall be submitted in the monthly returns. Meters shall be installed to measure power consumption at expense of the crusher owner. **Specification of the meter shall be given by the department.**

19. After the filing of monthly return, if any crusher is found to have processed quantity in excess of material imported, such crusher shall be liable to pay royalty and other charges for the excess material processed by him in MT at the rate as detailed below:

- I. At the pit head, rate determined by the Government or Annual concession value of the Mining Contract allotted to crusher owner, whichever is higher if payment is made by the crusher along with the monthly returns.
- II. Additional 15% of the above-mentioned rate in clause-I if payment is made within 15 days of the date of filing the returns.
- III. Additional 15% of the above-mentioned rate in clause-II if payment is made within 30 days of the date of filing the returns.
- IV. The registration of the crusher shall be cancelled in case the payment is not paid within 45 days of filing returns provided that a show cause notice of 7 days shall be issued by the competent authority followed by right of hearing to the Crusher.

20. An amount equal to Rs. 1 per Cubic Feet towards Environmental Management Fund (EMF) shall be paid by the crusher owner on the output of material along with the monthly returns (1MT =25CuFt).

21. No crusher shall deny access to any officer or authority authorised by the Director Mining or State Government for the purpose of inspection to be carried out in pursuance of any complaint or any violation of the instructions issued by competent authority or to ascertain any figure filled in returns or in any application given by Crusher.

22. (a) During an inspection, if a crusher is found to be violating any provisions of the policy or any other law/regulation or instructions issued by a competent authority, a show cause notice of 3 days shall be given to the crusher to explain as to why the registration may not be suspended.

(b) If the crusher refuses to submit reply to the show cause notice or the reply is submitted but the same is not satisfactory, the competent authority may suspend the registration till further orders.

(c) Subsequently, the Director Mines & Geology or any other officer authorised by him may issue 15-day notice to terminate the registration.

(d) In the event the crusher does not reply within 15 days or the reply is unsatisfactory, the registration issued to the Crusher shall be cancelled and withdrawn.

23. With the objective to provide construction material to the general public at affordable prices, the state government may put a cap on per metric ton rate of output material produced by the crusher as notified from time to time. At present, these rates shall be as per para 28 given below.
24. Any mode of carrier transport, mechanically driven and used for transportation of any mineral from any quarry site or crusher in the State, in whatever form, shall be required to be registered with the Director or such officer as authorized by him for the said purpose and for such period as required for any part or parts of the State. All such registration permits shall be issued through online mode. No such vehicles shall be used for transportation of material unless it is fitted with Global Positioning System for real time tracking.
25. All the suppliers/dealers of minor mineral and processed material in the state shall be registered on the online portal. Such registration shall be mandatory for such supplier/dealers. They shall be issued registration certificate in proforma prescribed by Government.
26. (a) Stocking of cumulative quantity of upto 500 MT of minor mineral and processed material shall be permitted at any given time by a single supplier/dealer in the State of Punjab to facilitate the common consumer of construction material.
(b) There shall be no such cap on stocking of minor mineral and processed material in case of registered crusher with the department or Ready-Mix Concrete batching plant or at the construction site.
27. The crusher units shall be responsible to obtain the environment clearance and all other necessary clearances, if any required under any State Law or Central Law.
28. To ensure that the consumer gets the construction material at reasonable prices and in view of the fact that the state government is providing raw material at reasonable/subsidized price, the maximum selling price of material to be sold by the crusher units shall be as follows:-

S.no	Description	Max Sale Price including loading (Rs./cft)
1	Coarse Sand/ Washed Sand	17.5
2	Round Bajri	17.5
3	Bajri 10-20mm	20
4	Bajri 20-40mm	20
5	Bajri 40-60mm	20

The above rates can be amended by the government from time to time provided there is justification to do the same.

29. No person, other than a mineral concession holder or a stone crushing unit operator, shall stock, sell or offer for sale any minor mineral or mineral products, in raw or processed form, for commercial purposes or trade in the State without holding a Mineral Dealer License.
30. The Policy dated 19th March 2015 is repealed.

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